

WSDOT SOUND TRANSIT UPDATE

BRIEFING PAPER

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PURPOSE:

This item is an update to the Commission on WSDOT's work efforts for Sound Transit projects and programs.

ACTION/OUTCOME:

The Commission will not be required to take any action on the item presented this month.

BACKGROUND:

The Commission has been briefed regularly over the last several years on the Sound Transit program and major projects with direct WSDOT involvement.

DISCUSSION:

Project Status Report

An update on current projects being performed for Sound Transit will be provided. Included will be updates on Regional Express, LINK, and Sounder. Key issues to be highlighted include progress and schedules for the Access Downtown Bellevue projects, project schedule changes and cost increases for the SR 900 project.

Organizational & Personnel Changes

Judy Giniger will become WSDOT's Sound Transit Program Director. She will assume her duties full time in August, 2002. Judy's expertise, energy and enthusiasm will be a wonderful addition to UCO's executive team.

Work continues on ST projects in the development and design stages. To help direct and focus this on-going work, Dan Sarles, currently the North Central Region's Project

Development Engineer, has accepted a temporary 6-month developmental assignment to act as our Sound Transit Project Development Engineer.

As Sound Transit's Regional Express projects begin to move from design to construction, a new position in WSDOT's Urban Corridors Office is necessary to ensure that commitments for the Sound Transit projects will be delivered in a cost-effective and timely manner. Al Dyer, currently in HQ Construction in Olympia, has accepted a temporary 6-month developmental assignment to act as our Sound Transit Project Construction Engineer.

UCO will take the lead, under the direction its new communications/intergovernmental relations director Renee Montegelas, for internal and external communications for the ST projects being constructed by WSDOT. The NWR Public Affairs Office will provide support for specific projects depending on needs and staff availability.

RECOMMENDATION:

Not applicable.

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